

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-53. (cancelled)

54. (previously presented) A method for controlling an engine having an intake manifold and an outlet control device coupled to the manifold for controlling flow exiting the manifold and entering at least one cylinder of the engine, the engine further having an inlet control device for controlling flow entering the manifold, the method comprising:

determining a desired engine output;  
calculating a desired cylinder charge based on said desired engine output;  
generating an outlet control device set-point based on said desired cylinder charge;  
generating an inlet control device set-point based on manifold pressure; and  
controlling the outlet control device based on said outlet control device set-point and the inlet control device based on said inlet control device set-point.

55. (original) A method for controlling an engine having an intake manifold and an outlet control device coupled to the manifold for controlling flow exiting the manifold and entering at least one cylinder of the engine, the engine further having an electronically controlled throttle for controlling flow entering the manifold, the method comprising:

determining a desired engine output;  
calculating a desired cylinder charge based on said desired engine output;

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generating an outlet control device set-point based on said desired cylinder charge;  
generating a target throttle position based at least on manifold pressure; and  
controlling the outlet control device based on said outlet control device set-point and the  
electronically controlled throttle based on said target throttle position.

56-62. (cancelled)

63. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the desired cylinder charge is  
cylinder air charge.

64. (previously presented) The method of claim 54, wherein the desired engine output is  
desired torque.

65. (previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the desired torque is based on  
pedal position.

66. (previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein the desired cylinder charge is  
cylinder air charge.

67. (previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein the desired engine output is  
desired torque.

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68. (previously presented) The method of claim 67, wherein the desired torque is based on pedal position.

69. (currently amended) A method for controlling an engine having an intake manifold and an outlet control device coupled to the manifold for controlling flow exiting the manifold and entering at least one cylinder of the engine, the outlet control device including a variable valve lift mechanism, the engine further having an inlet control device, the method comprising:

determining a desired engine output;

calculating a desired cylinder charge based on said desired engine output;

generating an outlet control device set-point based on said desired cylinder charge;

generating an inlet control device set-point based on manifold pressure; and

controlling the variable valve lift mechanism based on said outlet control device set-point and the inlet control device variable valve lift mechanism based on said inlet control device set-point.

70. (previously presented) The method of claim 55, wherein the desired engine output is desired torque.

71. (previously presented) The method of claim 67, wherein the desired torque is based on pedal position.

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